

## Super-Quiz No. 4

The most reliable characteristic of our Super-Quizzes is their unpredictability. The first three were spelling tests. This one, by contrast, is going to measure your knowledge of word *meanings*.

Listed below are 25 English words. To the right of each word is a definition. The order of the definitions, as compared with the order of the words defined, is scrambled. Your task is to match words with definitions, correctly. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, it is—if you are really familiar with the English language.

Not to complicate matters unnecessarily, we have taken all words and definitions from *Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language*, Unabridged, any printing from 1961 to 1968.

To make this Super-Quiz even easier, we have already matched two of the twenty-five words with their proper definitions. All you need to do is to rearrange the other 23 definitions, matching them correctly with the 23 words to which they belong. Naturally, we aren't telling you which two words are correctly defined—that is for *you* to determine.

You will find the correct answers on page 252 of this issue. We suggest that you score yourself as follows: 15 or more correct, very good; 20 or more correct, superior; all 25 correct, quite impossible—yes, impossible.

1. HORSE
2. BOVINITY
3. SKOOKUM
4. GEMS
5. LUNARIA
6. KETTLEDRUM
7. TEA
8. THERE
9. PURPLE
10. HALF
11. DEBRIDEMENT
12. MERCY
13. SHARPIE
14. COFFEEHOUSE
15. CALABASH

1. A small autelope.
2. Great wealth.
3. To make aimless conversation.
4. A pure example of referential symbolism.
5. The full moon.
6. A kind of drum.
7. A usually iced beverage.
8. Related by ties of affection.
9. A grayish yellow green.
10. Whole.
11. Illicit intercourse contrary to morality.
12. Honesty.
13. An evil spirit.
14. An informal party at which light refreshments are served.
15. A fashionable reception.

16. STUPRUM
17. SCURVISH
18. FOGATEER
19. TUMBLER
20. TICKING
21. IRON
22. SONGISH
23. TEMPEST
24. BICYCLE
25. CUP

16. Dullness.
17. Large or coarse of its kind.
18. A shallow-draft boat with 1 or 2 masts.
19. An evening primrose.
20. A literal translation.
21. One forty-eighth of an inch.
22. A substitute for a name.
23. A sentence of imprisonment.
24. The language of the natives of Vancouver Island.
25. Surgical removal of contaminated tissue.

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## TWO AT A TIME

We have always been intrigued by certain 10-letter words that use alphabetic letters two at a time: HORSESHOER, ARRAIGNING, INTESTINES, and others. Naturally, we have tried to find longer words of the same kind.

While it has been possible to coin such longer words without much difficulty, genuine specimens have perpetually eluded us. Hence, we have had to settle for contrived terms such as SPHEROPHORES and RE-RESIGNINGS, STUMBLEBUMLETS and PHILADELPHIADE, and COUNTERUNCORSETS (uncorsets in return for being uncorseted).

At last, a bona fide 12-letter name has appeared on the scene: TRANSNISTRIA, a former Romanian administrative division, 1941-1943, organized in the occupied Ukraine. The name is listed and defined in current editions of *The Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World*.

Now, on to the 14-letter word!

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## WORD CHESS REVISITED

The "Simplicissimi" section of our first issue presented a 5 x 5 letter square, asking readers to trace out in it as many good English words as they could find in it. The author of the square, Temple G. Porter, provided an answer list of 31 such words.

A 16-year old high school junior in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Miss Laura Wilansky, tackled the problem and has sent us six words that she found in the square which had been overlooked by Mr. Porter: BARON, BARONY, CRONY, CROP, GUTSY, and ORG (a sea animal similar to the grampus).

That's excellent sleuthing, Miss Wilansky, but we must fault GUTSY on the grounds that all dictionaries listing the word label it "slang," and slang words were barred by the rules. To compensate, we have found yet another word in the square ourselves: SCRAPY. Accordingly, the total word count now stands at 37.